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Mr. James N. Ward
State Engineer's Office
State Capitol
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Ward:

RE: DEEP CREEK

I received your letter and enclosures concerning the possibility of including Deep Creek in the Vernal Area Distribution System. I am sorry to have been so long in replying but I have been busy with the tail end of distribution and a lot of hunting, deer and pheasants.

After studying the map and your inspection summary as well as the list of claims, it is my opinion that this creek and area could very well fit in with Ashley, Brush and Pot Creeks in one consolidated system under some special considerations.

1. This area is rather remote with very few paved or improved roads. The travel factor will make this part of the system expensive as does the Pot Creek and Brush Creek areas.
2. The diversions works and measuring devices seem to be in need, in most cases, of general replacement of installation. It has been my experience in the past that unless strong action is taken from the beginning it runs into an extensive task getting these structures in as well as being stretched out through several irrigation seasons and a lot of head aches resulting from this delaying action.
3. Having been raised in this area and acquainted with most of the water users in the Deep Creek Area, I am sure that for the first year or so the Commissioner will have a tremendous task of getting the people to accept the idea of having some outsider controlling their water distribution and at a cost that may be higher than they have ever had to pay before.

Keeping in mind the above mentioned facts and ideas, it would then seem to me that if Deep Creek comes under our distribution, we would have to do the following to realistically handle the work of distribution.

1. Increase the mileage fund for the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner by at least \$500.00. This may be low, depending on how close we have to handle distribution and the number of trips necessary.

2. Hire a Deputy Commissioner for at least six months instead of the four as was the case for the last two years.

3. Increase the Commissioner's salary in proportion to the amount of added responsibility and work added as a result of taking over a new stream in the system.

4. Educate the Users in the area of the need and reasons for the State Engineer's Office being involved.

5. Demand the installation of headgates and measuring devices immediately, (before the next irrigation season), wherever recommended.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Rasmussen".

David Rasmussen
VERNAL AREA COMMISSIONER

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